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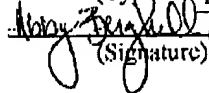
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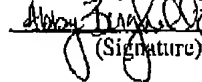
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The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Roark for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted on March 11, 2003 for this application with Gerald F. Swiss (Reg. No. 30,113).

During that telephonic interview, the rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Bolton (U.S. Patent 5,980,954) in view of Jacobs (U.S. Patent 5,605,690) was discussed. Specifically, the issue was raised whether the rejection over the Bolton patent should have been raised under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) due to a possible obligation by the inventors of the instant application to assign to Vasogen Ireland Limited. Applicants and the Examiner agreed that notwithstanding the common obligation to assign at the time the invention was made, the parent¹ of the Bolton patent,

¹U.S. Patent 5,980,954 is a continuation in part of U.S. Application 08/352,802, which issued as U.S. Patent 5,591,457 on January 7, 1997.

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U.S. Patent 5,591,457² would not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(c), (g), or (h) and thus 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) would not apply.

As such, Applicants and the Examiner agreed that the rejection should be reissued with the appropriate art rejection.

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²Kindly note that the '457 patent discloses the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

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